

# **EMS Certification Policy 04-A - Acceptable CPR Documentation**

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## **Background**

The National Standard Curriculum allows several alternatives to completing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) requirements. One of the options is to require students to have a current CPR card prior to entering an EMS program. Acceptable CPR cards/courses have not been specifically identified by TDH statute, rule, or policy, and no specific criteria have been officially addressed. The program choosing to require a CPR card as a prerequisite should adhere to the direction of this policy.

## **Statute Reference**

773.046 – 773.0495

## **Rule Reference**

25TAC, §157.32(a)-(c)

## **Policy**

Acceptable cardiopulmonary resuscitation training must be in accordance with the 1994 EMT-Basic National Standard Curriculum (NSC), the behavioral and skill objectives of the 1999 EMT-Intermediate and EMT-paramedic NSC, and current American Heart Association guidelines for BCLS and ACLS.

The following basic CPR courses for professionals will be routinely accepted. Others must provide proof of equivalency as addressed in the national standard curriculum.

- American Heart Association (AHA) – CPR for Healthcare Providers
- American Red Cross (ARC) – CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer
- American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) – CPR for Professionals
- National Safety Council (NSC) – Professional Rescuer CPR

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